

Police Cops
Some of Charlotte's policemen have taken it upon themselves to be unusually courteous to out-of-town motorists. From the newspaper men to the out-of-town motorists, the Charlotte cops are on Second Front today and every day.

ESTABLISHED 1848

Senate Passes Weatherers' Proposal To Ban Fireworks

Amendments Barred

House Group Slaps 'Gag' On Budget Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Rules Committee voted today to ban amendments to a resolution proposing a \$6,000,000,000 cut in President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget.

The action by the Republican-controlled Committee was taken as Democrats sought the House was being "gagged" against freely working its will.

The decision to send the Budgetary Bill to the House floor for a vote on Thursday under a closed rule came in the face of this statement by Rep. Cannon, Democrat, Mo.:

"This is the most drastic rule that can be written. It is not in fitting with democratic processes, but it is an agent of dictatorship."

Rep. Smith, Democrat, Virginia, a Rules member, declared:

"It seems to be a new policy proposed here to gag the House. There shall be some fear that you (Republicans) cannot pass this majority."

"If the majority proposes to gag the House from here on out on anything you fear you can't pass, I think the country should know it."

Another Battle Won

Confederate Veteran Has 106th Birthday

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—It was John Allen Howell's 106th birthday anniversary today and the fact he was alive to observe it meant that the old soldier had won another battle, perhaps his last.

"He was falling fast two months ago but I told one day I'm going to win my last battle; I want to live to be 106," said his son-in-law, J. R. Johnson.

The family found it necessary to place "the captain" — he was a Confederate captain under Gen. Stonewall Jackson in the Civil War — in the full time care of a nurse.

His condition is such that the annual birthday party this year was reduced to a visit by Johnson and his wife and several other relatives.

"We just visit him and take him to the movies," said Johnson. "The captain was thought by friends to be in poor health," said Johnson, who is a well-known Confederate commissioner. "He is still alive in fact, we've had him for only 110 Confederate soldiers living."

His old friend, Joseph Douglas, a former Secretary of the Navy, wrote from Raleigh telling the captain that he "ought come back to North Carolina and live to a ripe old age."

Howell was born in Waverly, N. C., was a lawyer, banker and soldier.

Look To Europe

U.S. May Work In British Mines

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee said today that displaced persons in the British occupation zones of Germany and Austria would be classified for possible employment in Britain's coal mines and other industries short of manpower.

Replying to a suggestion in the House of Commons that the Government study the labor potential available in UNRRA camps to meet industrial problems raised by the displacement of displaced persons, Mr. Attlee declared:

"I don't feel that such a mission is necessary. The Minister of Labor is proceeding in association with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to study the situation in the British zones in Germany and Austria for the possibility of employing displaced persons against the opportunity of employment in Britain."

Several London newspapers reported that the British occupation zone of Germany might fall even lower next year as a result of the efforts to repair factories and keep electric power plants operating.

COLD CONTINUES

Severe winter weather continued.

The Erie fuel position deteriorated to a critical stage because Britain banned coal shipments.

Household gas in Britain was reported breaking up further for fuel. Further cuts in rail service were reported. Several cattle shipments have been suspended. The Erie fuel position is such that there has been limited to a schedule of three days a week.

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Wilson Cabinet Figure Seeks Reo Divorce

Mrs. Truman's Hip In Cast

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Mrs. Martha E. Truman, 94-year-old President's wife, was resting comfortably at her home here today after her fractured right hip had been placed in a plaster cast by three physicians.

Some weeks before Mrs. Truman was cheerful. Miss Tracy of the Negroes Mardi Gras, was scheduled to set out with his spear-bearing dukes. The Zulu King's procession normally starts in the city of New Orleans and continues the longest.

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RALEIGH—(AP)—The Senate passed today a loud voice vote today the Weatherers bill to outlaw the manufacture, sale, transportation or possession of fireworks in North Carolina.

The measure now goes to the House to \$1,000.

Senator George T. Penry of Guilford, tried to get final action postponed until the Finance Committee study but was quickly beaten down and he, too, joined in its passage.

The much-amended measure does not allow the manufacture for export — a provision that was inserted as one feature of committee consideration but later was removed.

Several public hearings were called here with opponents trying to get permission for future manufacture of so-called American fireworks but they, too, finally were defeated.

Meanwhile, hundreds of farmers filled the legislative galleries a few hours before the joint Finance Committee took up a bill to impose income and franchise taxes on farm co-operatives.

They were opposed to the projected levy, while merchants scored of telegrams and letters to the Assembly protesting the proposed taxes.

Estimates of annual State income tax from \$70,000 up.

Rep. Sheffer of Buncombe sent to jail today for violating the law providing fire regulations for schools under the State law.

Senator Parker of Buncombe offered a resolution, which quickly passed, to amend the Constitution of the State to provide for a referendum on the proposed income and franchise taxes.

Because Senator O. B. Moss of Nash is convinced North Carolina should not have the privilege of serving on juries, he introduced a constitutional amendment to make members ineligible for jury duty.

The Moss measure would require amending sections 19 and 19 of Article 7 of the Constitution to insert the words "to males, and to insert the words 'to males, and to females, however, women shall be ineligible for jury duty.'"

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Under the measure, the driver's license and automobile tag would be taken up until proof of responsibility is proved, either through insurance or cash.

Appearing for the bill were Former Governor J. M. Broughton; Motor Vehicles Commissioner T. Eddie Ward; Harry Caldwell, Greenboro, representing the State Garage and others; Joe Williams, assistant director of the State Farm Bureau; John L. Skinner, executive secretary of the State Association of County Commissioners; Coleman Roberts, president of Carolina Motor Club; and Semple Forbes, executive secretary of the State Hospital Association.

They argued the measure would promote safety on the highways by curbing irresponsible drivers. State Insurance Commissioner W. P. Hodges said that in 1941 only 11 per cent of the drivers of private cars had liability insurance.

Before the same committee, a minor argument broke out between Rep. Shallington of Tyrrell, a Republican, and C. L. Caboon, who was defeated by Shallington in the general election last November. Caboon is a former Democratic Representative from this district.

Shallington offered a bill by request to give the mayor's court in Columbia authority to sentence minor offenders to work on the town streets. Caboon opposed it, saying it would impose on a man's dignity.

Shallington inquired if it was Caboon's intent to oppose everything he offered in this assembly. The committee deferred action on the measure.

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RALEIGH—(AP)—North Carolina's Wildlife and Fish program is one of the best in the South and should not be separated from the Department of Conservation and Development, spokesmen told a joint committee today.

The statements were made at a hearing on conservation and development committees held another hearing for opponents of a bill to separate the division of game and inland fisheries from the department.

Dr. Donald Hayman, University of North Carolina professor who was on the board of the Rockefeller Foundation to study natural resources in North Carolina, said in the course of his studies he had discovered that the problem with people all over the state.

In addition to placing the State's program among the best in the South, Dr. Hayman said the present game and fish program is making progress in spite of what opponents of the separation bill have had to say.

He said he believed in the majority opinion all sportsmen in the State that Commissioner John D. Friday is doing a good job.

The great defect in State administration of North Carolina, Dr. Hayman said, is that the department is not a merit system. In recent years, he said, the department has been toward centralization in that one man has done a better job in supervising natural resources than two or three more.

"The department has been blamed by a number of people for its failure to do a better job," he said.

Of 32 states in the eastern half of the United States, only three have programs such as that proposed by the North Carolina Wildlife and Fish program, sponsor of the separation move.

Dr. C. P. Korstan, representing the National Forestry Association, presented a resolution from that organization saying that the Wildlife and Fish program is inseparable and should be kept under the single administrative control of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

Other speakers included C. W. Watson, regional inspector of the Federal Game and Wildlife Commission; Eric Rodgers of Scotland Neck, newspaper publisher and board member of the State Game and Fish Commission; Roy Hampton of Raleigh; both board members, and Shields Alexander, also of Scotland Neck.

Watson said his department felt there was such a close relationship between fish and game and forests and game that it was not possible to separate the two. He supervised best under one department.

Cole said 85 per cent of the people of his county opposed separation; and Hampton said separation would be a disaster for the people of the new division and commission. Others opposed separation on other principles.

Rules Strikers Can Be Replaced

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—The National Labor Relations Board passed fresh notice to unions—and to Congress—that workers who strike over wages and job conditions can be replaced without violating the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

The board went even further in its decision involving two St. Petersburg, Fla., newspapers and declared that when a union itself doesn't bargain it can't charge the employer with failing to negotiate in good faith and hope to make the charge stick. Under the Wagner Act, only the employer can be penalized for refusing to bargain with his workers.

Last night's ruling—laying down what the board called "dicta" or a declaration of policy on the bargaining issue—came as both Senate and House labor committees are studying proposed amendments designed to meet criticism that the Wagner Act is over-strict in favor of unions. The board administrators said.

The decision that "economic strikers"—those who walk out over wages or working conditions—can be replaced is a restatement of previous NLRB policy. But a new provision is proposed that the agency is "bitting it hard" in this instance.

OVERSEAS FINDINGS

The unanimous ruling overturned the findings of an NLRB trial examiner, Thomas S. Wilson.

The board's action means that the decision affecting economic strikers would countenance the hiring of 40,000 new miners to replace John L. Lewis' soft coal diggers if they struck again only for higher pay or better work conditions.

See STRIKERS on page 6-A.

'Happy Birthday To You' Opera Company Sings To Margaret Truman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Margaret Truman can record in her memory book that a whole opera company sang "Happy Birthday" to help celebrate her 32nd birthday.

The blonde daughter of the President had a gala time at Constitution Hall last night when she was serenaded by the "Happy Birthday To You" opera company.

The climactic act was a close of a performance of the "HMS Pinafore."

After much whispering with the orchestra leader, Thomas led the Baltimore Civic Opera Co. in singing the familiar "Happy Birthday To You." The audience watched the smiling young lady seated in the Presidential box with her parents and Jane Lingo, a close friend of George Washington University.

Margaret sought to acknowledge the birthday wishes with her hand at the noted tenor, who had sung the role of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Joseph Porter, C. C. B. First Lord of the Admiralty, looking much like Winston Churchill in his uniform and glasses.

Thomas was in a gay mood. During his between-song concert, he sang "There Is A Lady Over the Hills," dedicating it to the birthday celebration.

At one point during the performance of "Pinafore," when he was called back for several encores, the tenor, feigning exhaustion, stumbled over to a prop stage door, knocking sharply and cried, "Open The Door, Richard."

Nearly 100 Injured As 'Red Arrow' Leaves Rails

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ALTOONA, Pa.—(AP)—The Pennsylvania Railroad's "Red Arrow," fast Detroit to New York passenger train, plunged from the tracks near Altoona, Pa., today, killing an estimated 20 persons and injuring close to 100.

Corner Danie Replogle said seventeen bodies had been removed from the wreckage and that the death toll would run to at least 200, including three train crewmen.

CAUSE UNKNOWN

The railroad said it didn't know the cause of the accident one of the most serious in Pennsylvania's history which occurred two miles west of Horseshoe Curve at a spot known as Bennington Curve at 3:25 A. M. Eastern Standard Time.

A spokesman for the railroad said the speed at the place of the wreck was 100 miles an hour. The "Red Arrow" was running 30 minutes behind time when the accident occurred.

The two engines used to pull the train over the scenic Allegheny mountainside, with a coach and baggage car, one diner and three sleepers were scattered down the slope. A Pullman, another coach and a combination baggage car and coach ploughed over their tracks. The Pullman, another coach and a combination baggage car and coach ploughed over their tracks. The Pullman, another coach and a combination baggage car and coach ploughed over their tracks.

Most of the people aboard the stalled train were asleep when the wreck occurred. Many suffered exposure from the cold in addition to their injuries, including a group of 10 children from Altoona, Pa. Md. Training Station and a troupe of jugglers.

AMONG DEAD

Listed among the dead were M. S. Blitt, 67, of Altoona; Scottsdale, Pa., and R. H. Heagy, 60, of Derry, Pa., on the second-class sleeping car; Parask, fireman from Altoona on the head engine; M. S. Blitt, of Altoona, at the through-car; and John P. B. Parask, fireman from Altoona on the head engine; M. S. Blitt, of Altoona, at the through-car; and John P. B. Parask, fireman from Altoona on the head engine.

A hospital train was rushed to the scene and the injured were brought to the Altoona Hotel and the USO were turned into emergency hospitals.

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MATSUYAMA, Japan—(AP)—A search was under way today for nine persons missing since a storm Saturday sank five Nippon Yusen Company ships in the Bay of Bengal. The ships were carrying 1,000 tons of goods and two barges made port at Shimizu, Shikoku, on the Inland Sea.

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Partly cloudy with little clouds in temperature between 60 and 70. Windy and tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and cool. Thursday occasional light rain Wednesday afternoon and night.

Temperature at 2:30 today: 64. Wind: light S.W. 5-10. Sun: 10:30-5:30. Sunrise: 6:30. Sunset: 6:30.